


**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** October 27, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “51st State Commission Establishment Act of 2009”

**REFERENCE:** Bill 18-177

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would establish the 51<sup>st</sup> State Commission (“Commission”) to study and recommend legislation and administrative actions to be taken to establish the District of Columbia as a state of the United States of America with all Constitutional rights. The Commission will be appointed within 45 days of the proposed bill’s enactment and will submit their recommendations within 180 days of their first meeting.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2010 through FY 2013 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Expenses related to the production and dissemination of any reports or educational materials created by the Commission in FY 2010 will be absorbed by the Committee on Aging and Community Affairs’ budget.

Because Federal and District anti-deficiency laws<sup>1</sup> prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year, if additional funds are necessary to support the work of the Commission in future years, they would need to be appropriated in future years.

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<sup>1</sup> 31 U.S.C § 1341 (2007) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et seq.* (2001)